

New Grassroots License Referee Information.

US Soccer changed their registration requirements July 1, 2019 for the 2020 registration year.

There will no longer be referee grades, but a Grassroots license that encompasses the former Grade 9/8/7 levels – that is, with a Grassroots license one can officiate in recreational youth games, competitive youth games, and amateur adult games.

In order to become a new Grassroots referee, you must:

- Be at least 13 years of age
- Complete a US Soccer Learning Center profile. Sign in instructions are here {link to be provided here soon}. The Learning Center is where you as a candidate will manage completing your requirements. Please note, the new system will require candidates to take a much more active and responsible role in managing/obtaining their referee license.
- During the sign in, each candidate must have a unique email address. If you do not have an email address, please obtain one. If you want your parents to also receive emails, which may be the case for younger candidates, please list them as a secondary email. Secondary emails may be used as many times as necessary, that is, they do not need to be unique.
- Take the online training. A credit card will be necessary to pay US Soccer and this will be their portion of the registration fee.
- Complete the other requirements or “assignments.” For example, if 18 years or older, SafeSport training will be required as well as a background check (background checks will be implemented in a couple of months).
- Part of getting a Grassroots license will be taking a state run in-person course. These will get set up in the Learning Center.

There are changes to the other grades as well. Grade 6/5 will now become Regional License Referee. For Assessors and Instructors, Grade 7 will be Grassroots and Grade 5 will be Regional.